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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. Y. Kondo et al., "Proceedings of the Japanese Society of Applied Science General Meeting No. 46 Spring 1999, 3 Vols. (published March 28, 1999), pp. 1238.
2. Y. Kondo et al., "Fabrication of long-period fiber gratings by focused irradiation of infrared femtosecond laser pulses", Optics Letters, Vol. 24, No. 10, May 15, 1999.
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-33263, published February 2, 2000.
4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 4-298702, published October 22, 1992.
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 7-294756, published November 10, 1995.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated October 28, 2002 and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof, which cites and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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